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H. CON. RES. 282

Honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. ROSS, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BERRY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FORD, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. WAMP) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

Whereas Johnny Cash was one of the most influential and recognized voices of American music throughout the world, whose influence spanned generations and musical genres;

Whereas Johnny Cash was born on February 26, 1932, in Kingsland, Arkansas, and moved with his family at the age of 3 to Dyess, Arkansas, where the family farmed 20 acres of cotton and other seasonal crops;

Whereas those early years in the life of Johnny Cash inspired songs such as “Look at Them Beans” and “Five Feet High and Rising”;

Whereas Johnny Cash eventually released more than 70 albums of original material in his lifetime, beginning with his first recording in 1955 with the Tennessee Two;

Whereas Johnny Cash was a devoted husband to June Carter Cash, a father of 5 children, and a grandfather;

Whereas Johnny Cash received extensive recognition for his contributions to the musical heritage of the Nation, including membership in the Grand Old Opry; induction into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and his receipt of numerous awards, including Kennedy Center Honors, 11 Grammy Awards, and the 2001 National Medal of Arts;

Whereas Johnny Cash embodied the creativity, innovation, and social conscience that define American music;

Whereas Johnny Cash was a vocal champion of the down-trodden, the working man, and Native Americans; and

Whereas the Nation has lost one of its most prolific and influential musicians with the death of Johnny Cash on September 12, 2003, in Nashville, Tennessee: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) honors the life and accomplishments of
4 Johnny Cash;

5 (2) recognizes and honors Johnny Cash for his
6 invaluable contributions to the Nation, Tennessee,
7 and our musical heritage; and

- 1 (3) extends condolences to the Cash family on
- 2 the death of a remarkable man.

